

Wm Lloyd Garrison

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your article in the "Independent" upon the "Profligate Ordinance" of St. Louis. I have fought against & exposed it from the beginning, - or nearly so, for it was begun & had somewhat shaped itself while I was in Europe, - but I am sorry to say that up to this day no ~~leading~~ clergyman here spoken plainly & boldly upon the subject, except myself. The papers have generally advocated the law, but are beginning to alter their tone. The doctors are divided. In the Legislature now sitting we hope to prevail in changing the City Charter, which w^d estop the City Council. If that fails, we shall try the Courts.

Your faithful expressions will help us greatly, & if other Eastern Papers w^d speak out, it w^d be a great aid. I remain

Yrs truly. Wm Lloyd Garrison

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